KOMITE BERSAMA UNTUK PEMBELAAN MASYARAKAT TIMOR TIMUR

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF EAST TIMORESE

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Background

The Joint Committee for the Defence of East Timorese was formed in response to the incident widely referred to as the "12 November 1991 Incident" and the subsequent march of student demonstrators on the embassies of Australia and Japan and the UN Representative Office in Jakarta on 19 November 1991.

The two above-mentioned "incidents" resulted in the detention and trial of a large number of East Timorese (including university students) in both Dili and Jakarta.

The accused in both Dili and Jakarta contacted the Legal Aid Institute in Jakarta requesting its legal representation in the trials.

On the basis of these developments and a belief in the defendants' need for serious legal assistance and defence (including humanitarian support), on 4 February 1992 the Joint Committee for the Defence of East Timorese, comprising the Legal Aid Institute Foundation, Parpem PGI (Protestant) and the Institute for Social Research and Development - Indonesian Bishops' Conference (LPPS - KWI - Catholic), was formed. Membership of the Joint Committee has expanded with the involvement of the International Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy (ELSAM) and the Jakarta Chapter of the Legal Aid Institute.

Activities

a. To provide free legal assistance to East Timorese convicted with political crimes in both Dili and the other places in Indonesia.

b. To provide financial assistance to tertiary students whose political activities have resulted in the stopping of government scholarships and to young people whose parents are being tried or serving senteces in Dili.

c. To provide humanitarian assistance in the form of food, medication and clothing, for those in prison.

d. Extending aid for small business activities for the families of political prisoner.

e. To collect and disseminate information on the situation in East Timor as it relates to the Committee's advocacy work/activities.

In view of their importance, legal assistance and other forms of advocacy are the main focus of the Committee's activities.

Organisation

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